

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the County Highlights was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These Highlights are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each Highlights includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



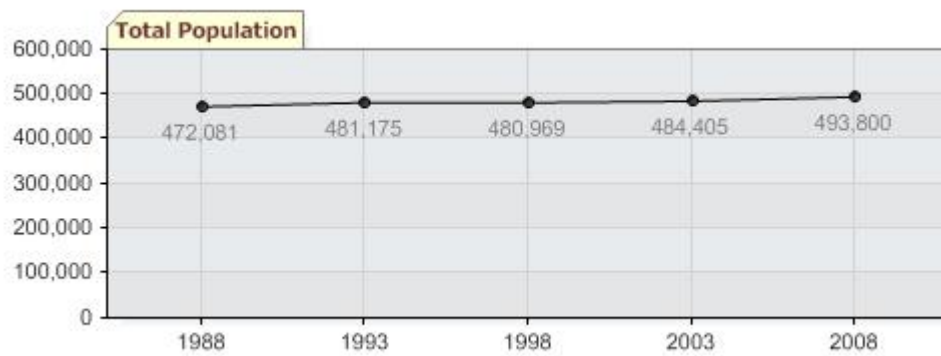
Location

Lake County is located in Northwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Newton and Jasper Counties. The County is adjacent to Porter County on the east, Lake Michigan is to the north, and The State of Illinois to the west. Lake County is one of the seven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 1.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

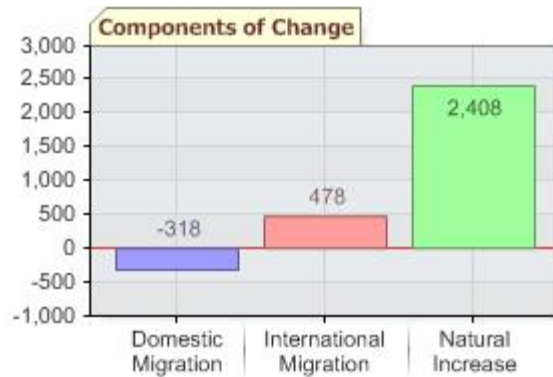
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	472,081	481,175	480,969	484,405	493,800
Change Since 1988		9,094	8,888	12,324	21,719
Pct. Change Since 1988		1.9%	1.9%	2.6%	4.6%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-318
International Migration	478
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	2,408
Births	7,118
Deaths	4,710



Source: US Census Bureau

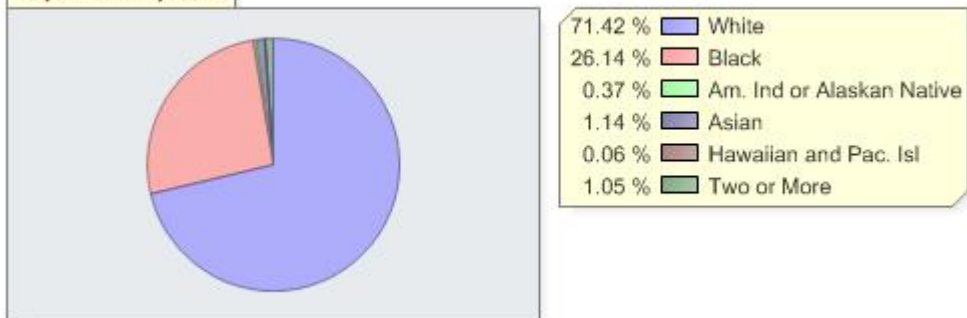
Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	35,056	7.1%
School Age	93,123	19.0%
College Age	43,867	8.9%
Young Adult	124,483	25.3%
Older Adult	132,088	26.9%
Older (65 plus)	63,487	12.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	1,798	0.4%
Asian Alone	5,595	1.1%
Black Alone	128,407	26.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	304	0.1%
White Alone	350,826	71.4%
Two or More Race Groups	5,174	1.1%

Population by Race

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	421,647	85.8%
Hispanic or Latino	70,457	14.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

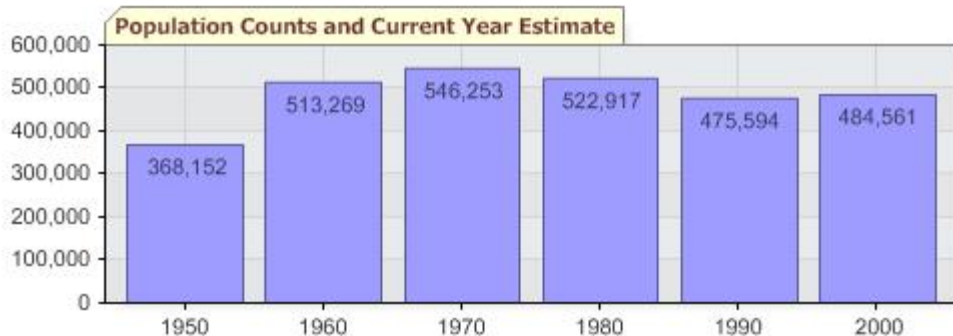
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	181,633	100.0%
Family Households	127,036	69.9%
Married with Children	39,029	21.5%
Married without Children	49,444	27.2%
Single Parents	20,558	11.3%
Other	18,005	9.9%
Non-family Households	54,597	30.1%
Living Alone	46,784	25.8%
Average Household Size	2.67	
Average Family Household Size	3.81	

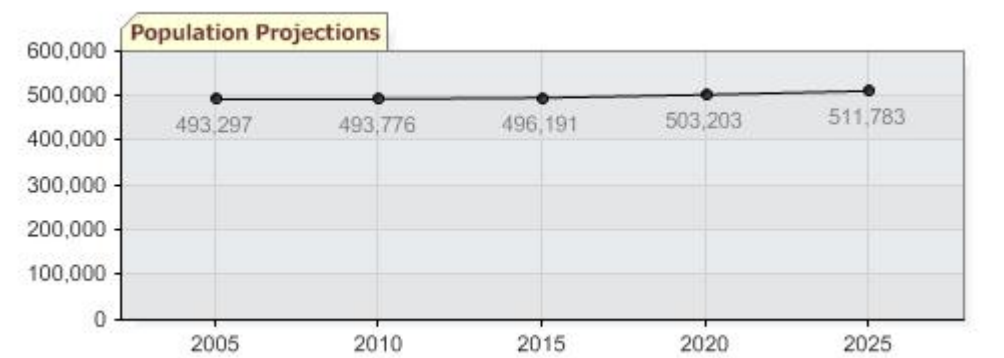
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Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	368,152	NA	NA
1960	513,269	145,117	39.4%
1970	546,253	32,984	6.4%
1980	522,917	-23,336	-4.3%
1990	475,594	-47,323	-9.0%
April 2000	484,561	8,967	1.9%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



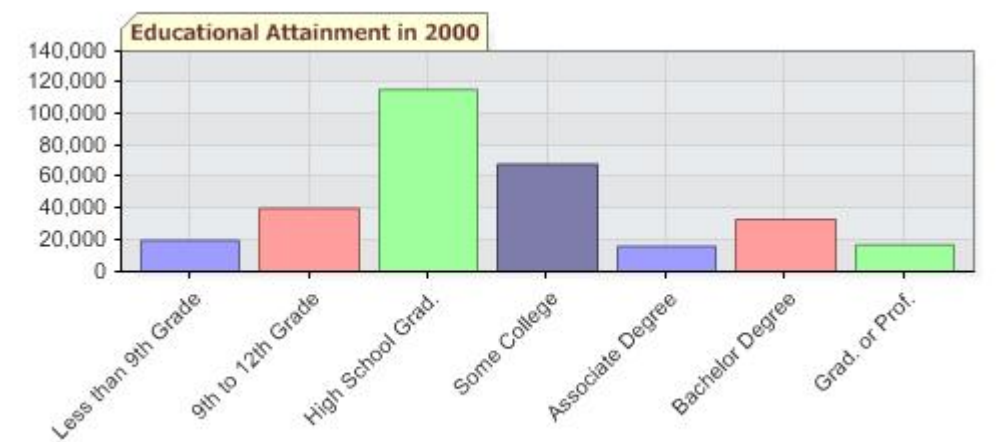
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	493,297	493,776	496,191	503,203	511,783
Change Since 2005		479	2,894	9,906	18,486
Pct. Change Since 2005		0.1%	0.6%	2.0%	3.7%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

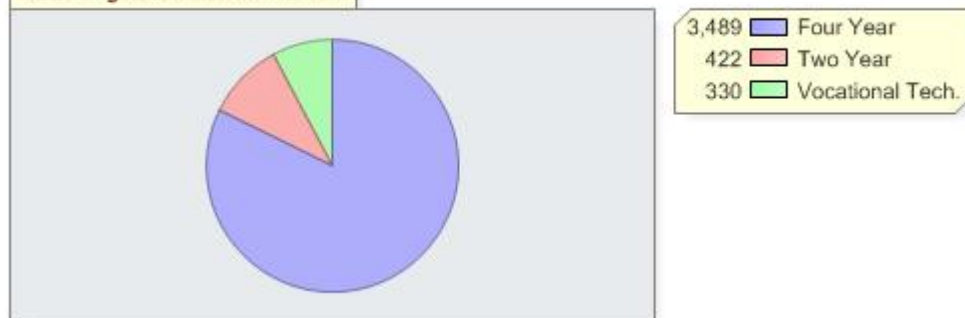
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	279,857	290,394	298,552	310,220
Less than 9th Grade	80,232	52,732	28,126	19,734
9th to 12th, No Diploma	64,003	53,703	51,055	40,137
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	95,956	119,450	114,913	115,681
Some College, No Degree			51,708	68,204
Associate Degree			14,528	16,157
Bachelors Degree			23,476	33,327
Graduate or Professional Degree			14,746	16,980



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	4,379	4,339	4,779	4,895
Total to Higher Education	3,477	3,773	4,023	4,241
Four-Year Institution	2,806	3,141	3,267	3,489
Two-Year Institution	333	288	394	422
Vocational/Tech.	338	344	362	330
Military	120	86	94	109

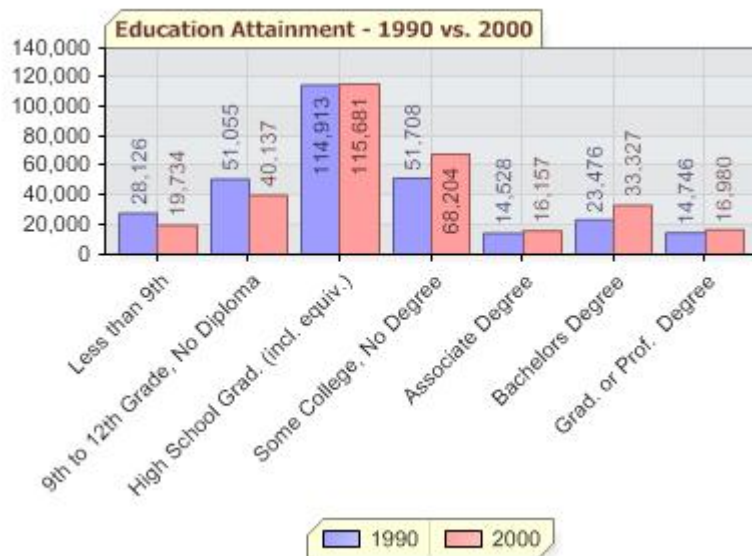
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	298,552	100.0%	310,220	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	28,126	9.4%	19,734	6.4%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	51,055	17.1%	40,137	12.9%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	114,913	38.5%	115,681	37.3%
Some College, No Degree	51,708	17.3%	68,204	22.0%
Associate Degree	14,528	4.9%	16,157	5.2%
Bachelors Degree	23,476	7.9%	33,327	10.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	14,746	4.9%	16,980	5.5%

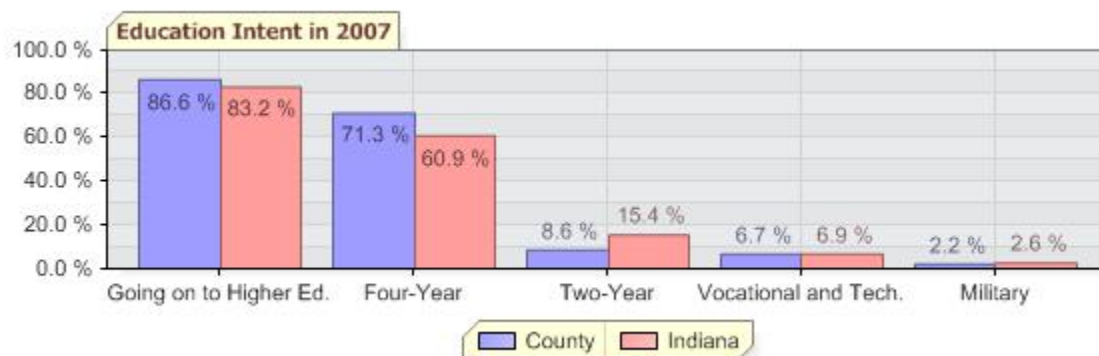


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	86.6%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	71.3%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	8.6%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	6.7%	6.9%
Military	2.2%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

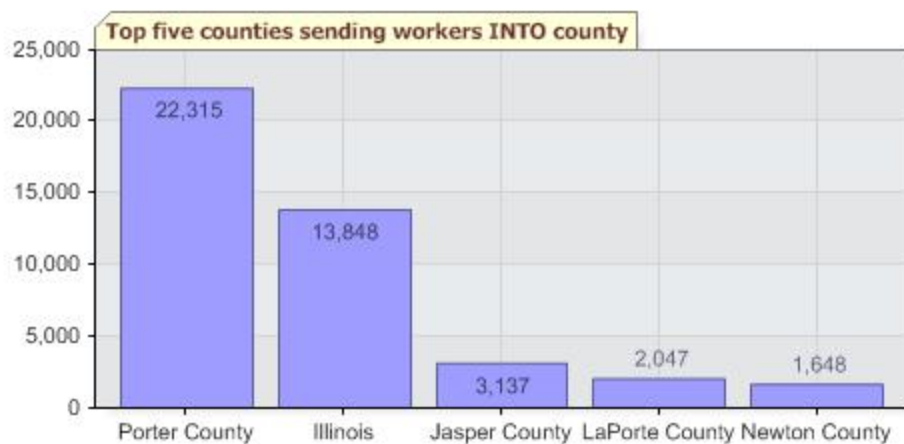
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	302,954
Number of tax filers who work in the county	286,577
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	240,616
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	45,961

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

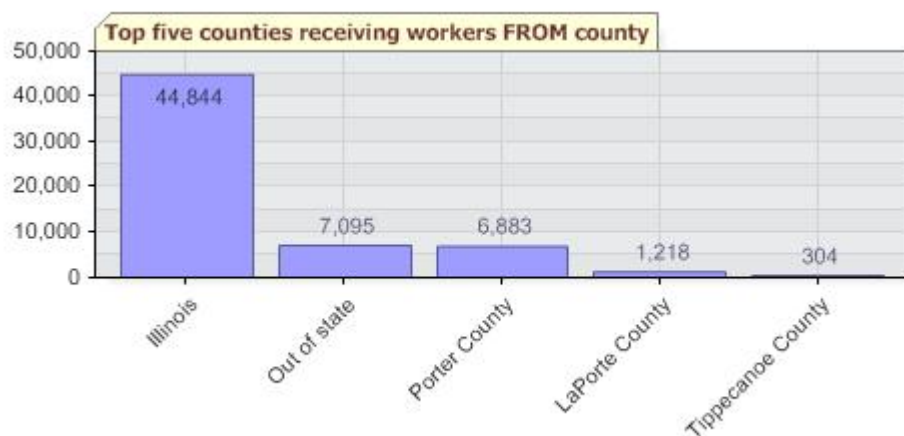
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Porter County	22,315	53.3%
Illinois	13,848	33.1%
Jasper County	3,137	7.5%
LaPorte County	2,047	4.9%
Newton County	1,648	3.9%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Illinois	44,844	74.3%
Out of state	7,095	11.8%
Porter County	6,883	11.4%
LaPorte County	1,218	2.0%
Tippecanoe County	304	0.5%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

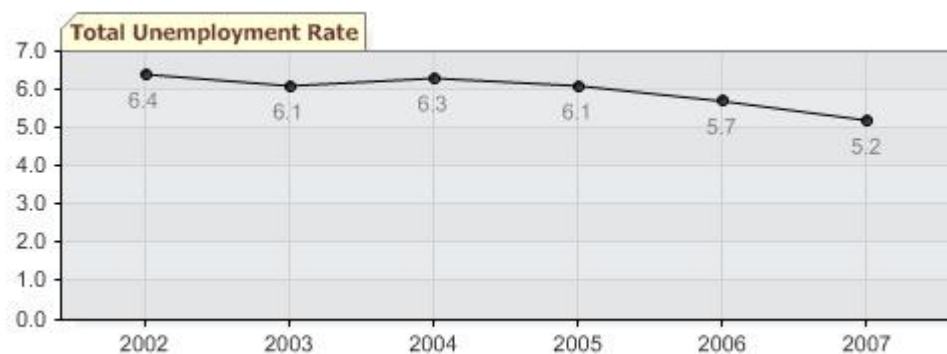
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	208,957	100.0%
Travel To Work	204,749	98.0%
Car, Truck, or Van	192,232	92.0%
Traveled Alone	168,666	80.7%
Carpooled	23,566	11.3%
Used Public Transportation	6,707	3.2%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	5,810	2.8%
Worked At Home	4,208	2.0%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	27.1	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	64.0	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

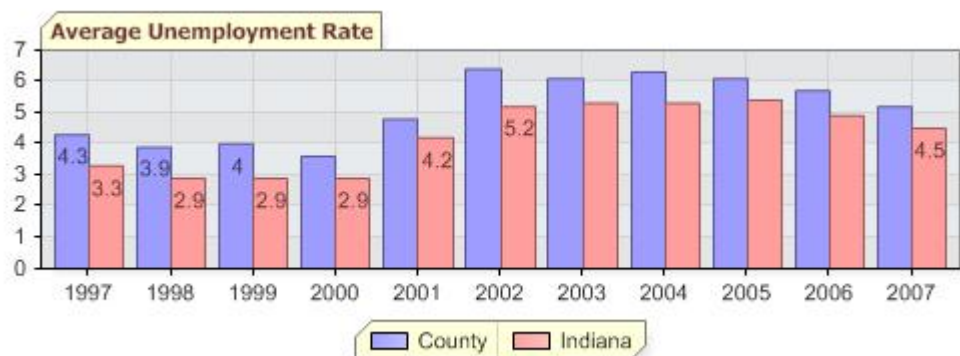
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	227,048	0.2%
Employed	215,329	-1.4%
Unemployed	11,719	42.5%
Rate	5.2	44.4%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	230,028	220,250	9,778	4.3	3.3
1998	229,912	220,869	9,043	3.9	2.9
1999	227,139	217,973	9,166	4.0	2.9
2000	226,629	218,403	8,226	3.6	2.9
2001	227,718	216,713	11,005	4.8	4.2
2002	227,989	213,334	14,655	6.4	5.2
2003	224,694	210,880	13,814	6.1	5.3
2004	223,451	209,417	14,034	6.3	5.3
2005	225,003	211,350	13,653	6.1	5.4
2006	227,287	214,253	13,034	5.7	4.9
2007	227,048	215,329	11,719	5.2	4.5



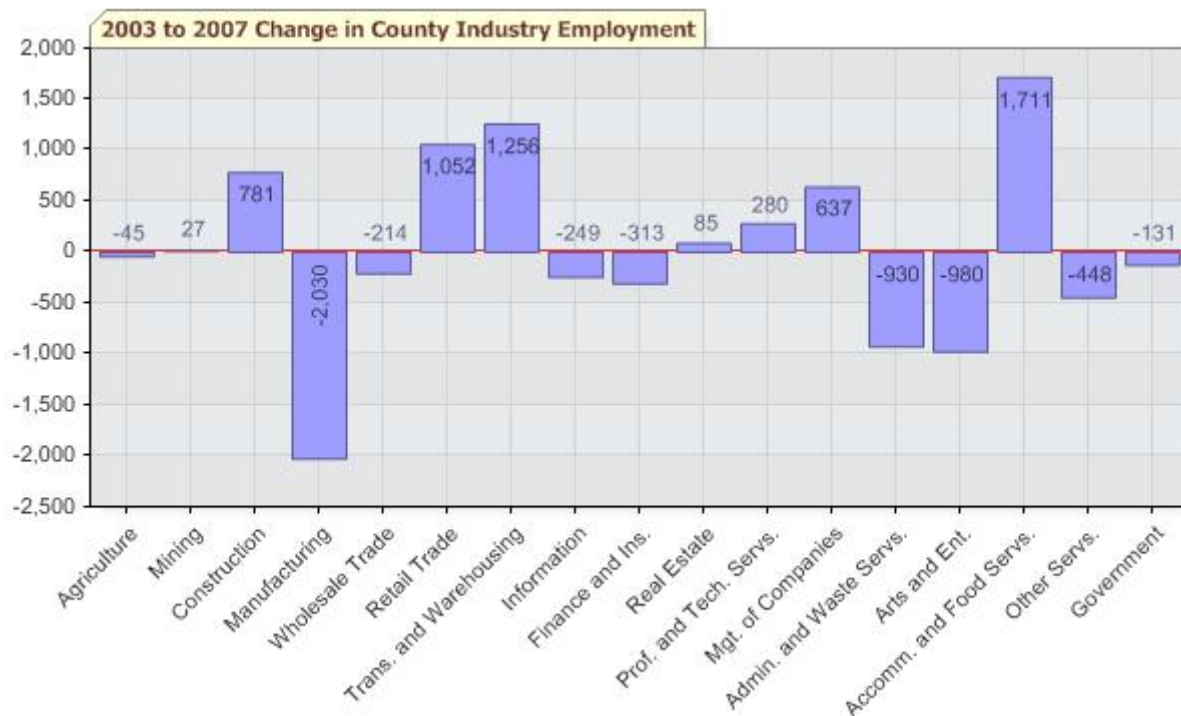
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	190,730	191,098	193,036	193,194	194,631	3,901	2.05%
Total Private Employment	162,920	163,676	165,794	165,724	166,952	4,032	2.47%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	191	203	205	172	146	-45	-23.56%
Mining	252	265	273	280	279	27	10.71%
Construction	12,177	12,531	12,865	12,791	12,958	781	6.41%
Manufacturing	28,300	26,297	26,368	26,351	26,270	-2,030	-7.17%
Wholesale Trade	6,205	6,199	6,099	5,997	5,991	-214	-3.45%
Retail Trade	24,696	24,929	25,353	25,838	25,748	1,052	4.26%
Transport. and Warehousing	5,708	6,381	6,454	6,677	6,964	1,256	22.00%
Utilities	D	D	D	1,625	1,605	N/A	N/A
Information	1,870	1,742	1,773	1,717	1,621	-249	-13.32%
Finance and Insurance	5,111	5,129	5,092	4,983	4,798	-313	-6.12%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	2,239	2,269	2,324	2,289	2,324	85	3.80%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	5,414	5,403	5,459	5,495	5,694	280	5.17%
Mgmt. of Companies	1,098	1,226	1,345	1,381	1,735	637	58.01%
Admin. and Waste Services	9,281	9,794	9,815	8,262	8,351	-930	-10.02%
Educational Services	1,975	2,223	2,466	2,509	2,650	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	26,361	27,245	28,100	28,804	29,060	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	8,059	7,876	7,491	7,056	7,079	-980	-12.16%
Accommodation and Food Service	14,695	14,802	15,085	15,848	16,406	1,711	11.64%
Other Services	7,696	7,577	7,596	7,628	7,248	-448	-5.82%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	27,810	27,422	27,242	27,470	27,679	-131	-0.47%

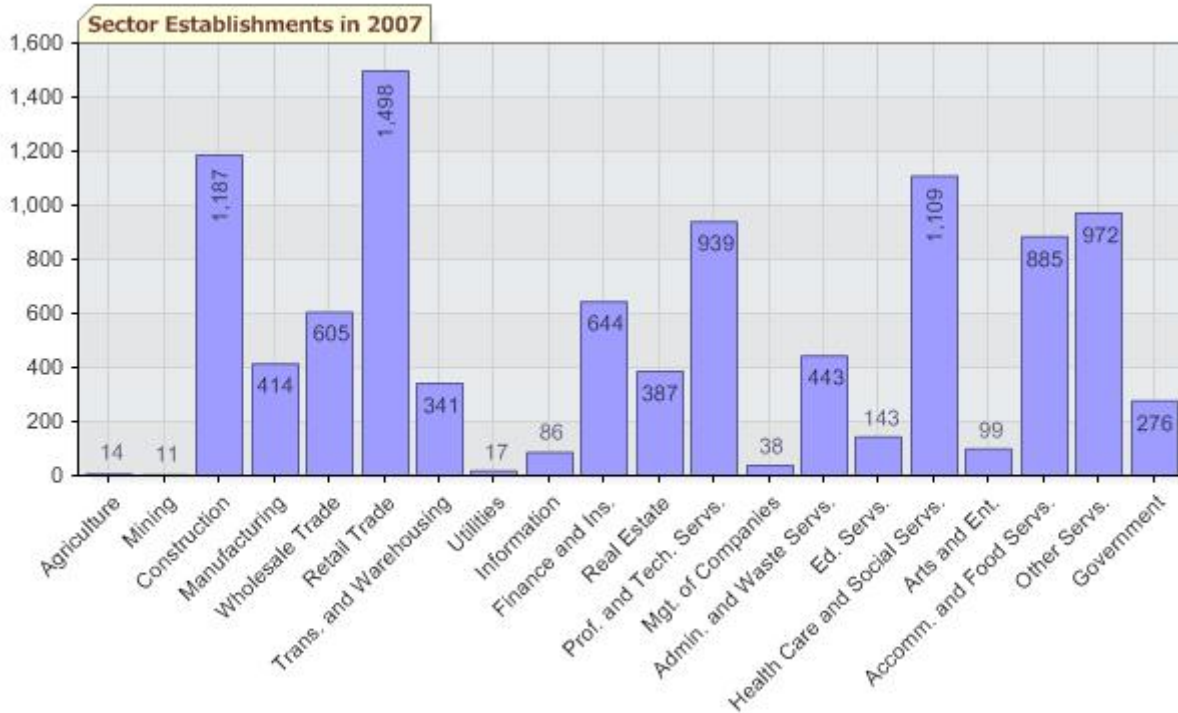


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	9,792	9,836	9,911	9,938	10,113	321	3.28%
Total Private Establishments	9,532	9,582	9,660	9,687	9,837	305	3.20%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	19	19	19	17	14	-5	-26.32%
Mining	12	11	12	12	11	-1	-8.33%
Construction	1,131	1,146	1,160	1,180	1,187	56	4.95%
Manufacturing	419	413	413	415	414	-5	-1.19%
Wholesale Trade	598	604	605	590	605	7	1.17%
Retail Trade	1,521	1,514	1,522	1,501	1,498	-23	-1.51%
Transport. and Warehousing	329	327	335	335	341	12	3.65%
Utilities	D	D	D	16	17	N/A	N/A
Information	82	88	86	86	86	4	4.88%
Finance and Insurance	573	583	596	614	644	71	12.39%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	367	381	381	380	387	20	5.45%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	895	874	899	925	939	44	4.92%
Mgmt. of Companies	32	32	35	36	38	6	18.75%
Admin. and Waste Services	475	461	442	436	443	-32	-6.74%
Educational Services	112	121	128	137	143	31	27.68%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,048	1,093	1,092	1,095	1,109	61	5.82%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	99	101	104	103	99	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	845	841	851	851	885	40	4.73%
Other Services	960	960	962	954	972	12	1.25%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	260	254	251	251	276	16	6.15%



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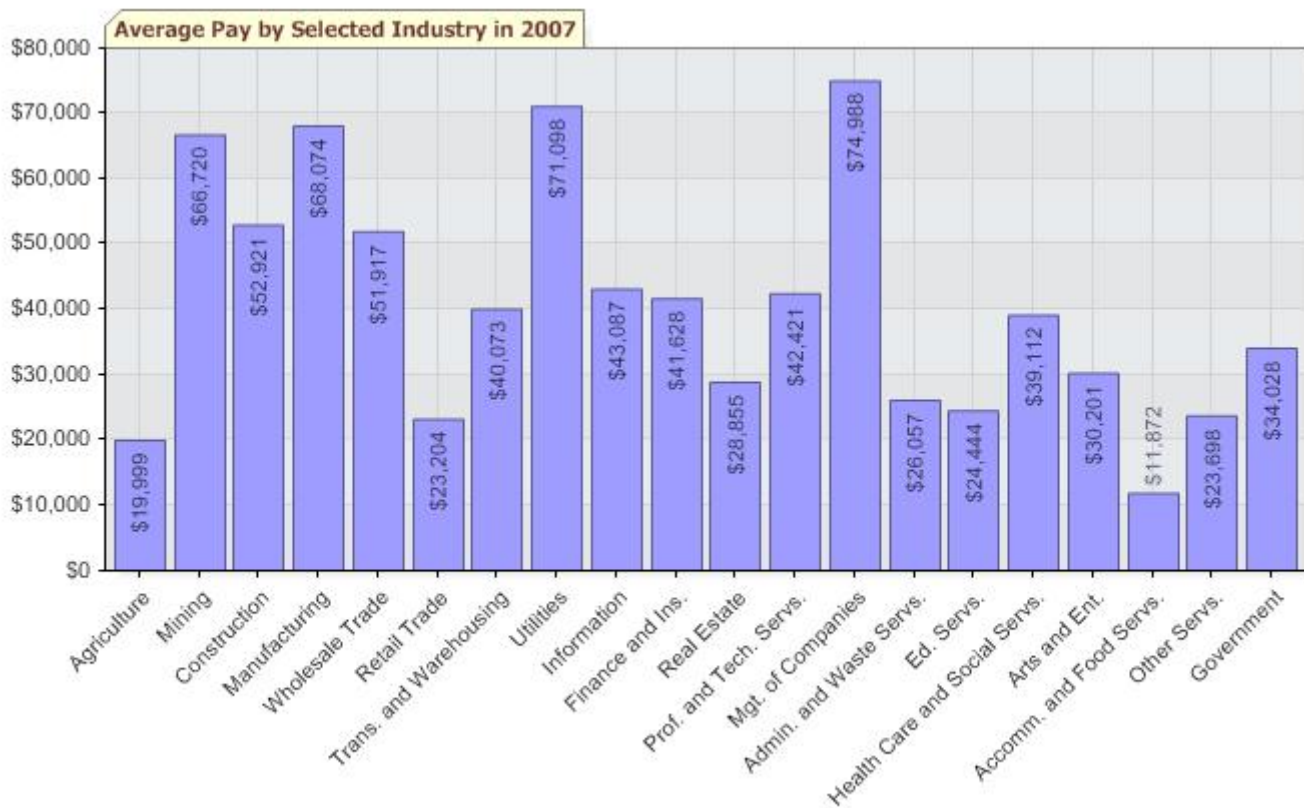
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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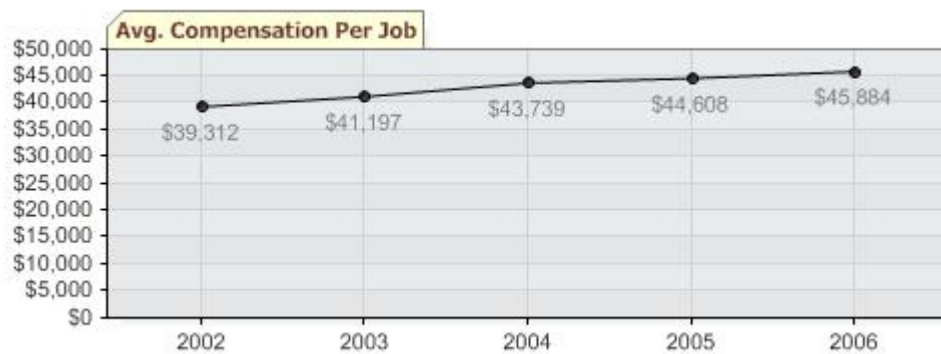
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$33,818	\$38,264	\$4,446	13.1%	\$37,530	102.0%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$16,978	\$19,999	\$3,021	17.8%	\$28,008	71.4%
Mining	\$55,170	\$66,720	\$11,550	20.9%	\$57,315	116.4%
Construction	\$46,165	\$52,921	\$6,756	14.6%	\$44,754	118.2%
Manufacturing	\$56,678	\$68,074	\$11,396	20.1%	\$51,148	133.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$42,110	\$51,917	\$9,807	23.3%	\$51,432	100.9%
Retail Trade	\$21,025	\$23,204	\$2,179	10.4%	\$22,581	102.8%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$35,761	\$40,073	\$4,312	12.1%	\$38,012	105.4%
Utilities	D	\$71,098	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	104.1%
Information	\$35,018	\$43,087	\$8,069	23.0%	\$46,311	93.0%
Finance & Insurance	\$38,100	\$41,628	\$3,528	9.3%	\$52,649	79.1%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$23,896	\$28,855	\$4,959	20.8%	\$32,614	88.5%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$37,336	\$42,421	\$5,085	13.6%	\$51,451	82.4%
Mgt.of Companies	\$69,389	\$74,988	\$5,599	8.1%	\$72,682	103.2%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$19,887	\$26,057	\$6,170	31.0%	\$24,934	104.5%
Education Svcs.	\$21,067	\$24,444	\$3,378	16.0%	\$31,029	78.8%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$35,295	\$39,112	\$3,817	10.8%	\$37,706	103.7%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$26,468	\$30,201	\$3,733	14.1%	\$29,251	103.2%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$11,315	\$11,872	\$557	4.9%	\$12,442	95.4%
Other Svcs.	\$21,307	\$23,698	\$2,391	11.2%	\$24,862	95.3%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$31,882	\$34,028	\$2,146	6.7%	\$37,054	91.8%



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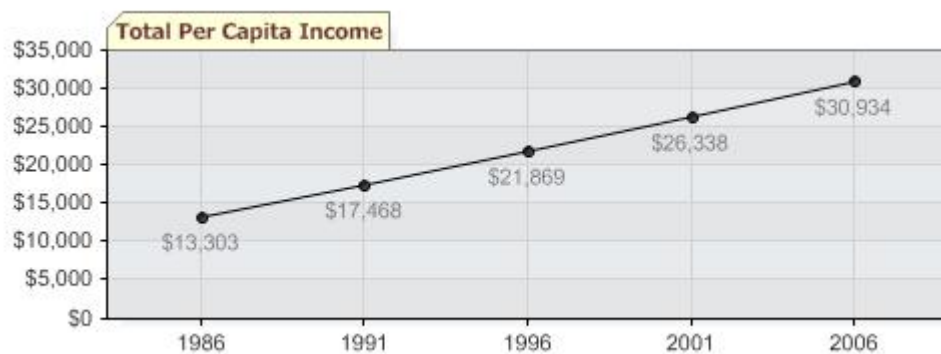
Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$39,312	\$41,197	\$43,739	\$44,608	\$45,884
Change Since 2002		\$1,885	\$4,427	\$5,296	\$6,572
Pct. Change Since 2002		4.8%	11.3%	13.5%	16.7%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$13,303	\$17,468	\$21,869	\$26,338	\$30,934
Change Since 1986		\$4,165	\$8,566	\$13,035	\$17,631
Pct. Change Since 1986		31.3%	64.4%	98.0%	132.5%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	\$57,389
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	\$48,042
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$38,261
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	31.9%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

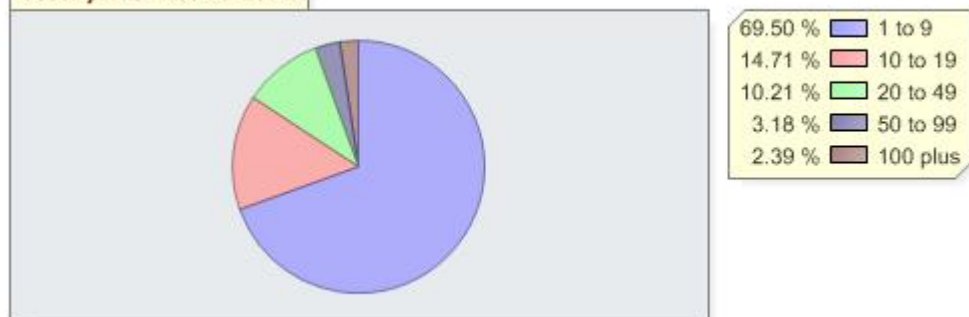
Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006				
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	7,227	287	4.1%	69.5%
10-19 employees	1,530	77	5.3%	14.7%
20-49 employees	1,062	61	6.1%	10.2%

50-99 employees	331	15	4.7%	3.2%
100 plus employees	248	6	2.5%	2.4%
TOTAL	10,398	446	4.5%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

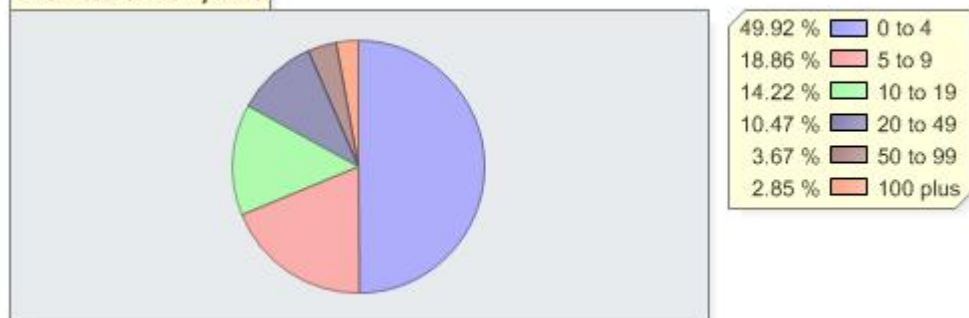


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	5,148	49.9%
5 to 9 employees	1,945	18.9%
10 to 19 employees	1,467	14.2%
20 to 49 employees	1,080	10.5%
50 to 99 employees	379	3.7%
100 plus employees	294	2.9%
TOTAL	10,313	100.0%

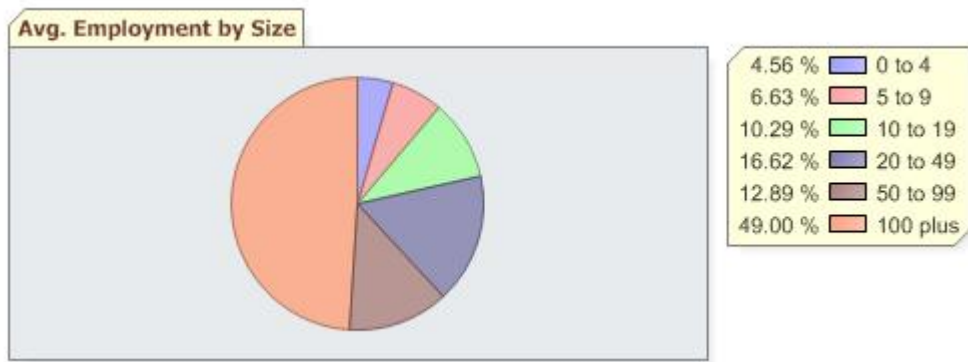
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	8,917	4.6%
5 to 9 employees	12,964	6.6%
10 to 19 employees	20,107	10.3%
20 to 49 employees	32,498	16.6%
50 to 99 employees	25,204	12.9%
100 plus employees	95,793	49.0%
TOTAL	195,483	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.